

To the Energy and Technology Committee of the State Legislature      March 7, 2022

Dear members of the Energy and Technology Committee,

My wife and I have been doing public access programing for years with Southeastern Connecticut Television. It provides public access for five towns in southeastern Connecticut with community representatives on its board of directors. We have three program titles: Stories To Tell, Community Buzz and Pot Luck Politics.

We have covered topics such as interesting stories about residents experiences; a local beekeeper describing his passion; CT Secretary of State explaining access to voting in person, absentee and by mail; animal adoption; climate change; healthcare reform; candidates for U.S. Senate, State Senate, State Legislature and Town of Groton Council and much more. We provide a local, direct and informative view of many issues that are relevant to our community and not otherwise readily available.

Public Access is an important component of available information to the population. Please support raised bill SB00278 to insure that it is available into the future. Thank you for your help.

Peter Roper